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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR UNDERHILL'S ARRIVAL IN MALAYSIA

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1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS YESTERDAY WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ENCIK SHAHUDDIN REGARDING DESIRABILITY YOUR CLEARING ESSENTIAL FORMALITIES PRIOR TO ASST SECY INGERSOLL'S ARRIVAL, HE CONFIRMED TO ME

THIS MORNING THAT CREDENTIALS COULD PROBABLY BE PRESENTED FEB 4, 6 OR 7. IMPOSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE EARLIER (I.E. WEEK OF JAN 28) BECAUSE THAT PERIOD FILLED WITH PM WHITLAM VISIT (JAN 28-31), RULERS CONFERENCE (JAN 30-31), AND HOLIDAY PLUS CELEBRATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH KL BECOMING FEDERAL TERRITORY (FEB 1-3).

2. COP AND I AGREE THAT THE RELATIVELY LIMITED NUMBER OF OTHER CALLS ON THOSE WHO WILL BE MEETING ASST SECY INGERSOLL CAN BE PROBABLY BE MADE PRIOR TO FEB 13, ESPECIALLY AS CALLS ON COP, SEC GEN MFA TAN SRI ZAITON AND FON MIN/PM RAZAK WILL IN FACT BE ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS.

3. IN LIGHT OF SHAHUDDIN'S COMMITMENTS IN ACTIVITIES OUTLINED PARA 1 HE REQUESTS THAT YOU SCHEDULE SPECIFIC ETA TO AVOID REPEAT AVOID
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FOLLOWING TIMES: (1) AFTERNOON JAN 28 (WHITLAM'S ARRIVAL); (2)

MORNING JAN 31 (WHITLAM'S DEPARTURE); (3) FEB 1-3 (FEDERAL
TERRITORY CEREMONIES
IN WHICH HE IS MAJOR IMPRESARIO).

4. RECOMMENDATION: ARRIVAL JAN 28-30 WILL GIVE YOU
OPPORTUNITY TO (1) GET INTO RESIDENCE, (2) GET INITIAL
FEEL OF CHANCERY, (3) COMPLETE
ESSENTIAL FORMALITIES
WITHOUT OTHER REPRESENTATIONAL OBLIGATIONS (I WILL DO
FED TERRITORY CEREMONIES AS YOU WILL NOT YET HAVE
PRESENTED CREDENTIALS), AND (4) CONSIDER WHETHER YOU
AND MRS. UNDERHILL WISH TO MEET AND JOIN INGERSOLLS IN
PENANG (WHERE EXTRA DOUBLE ROOM IS RESERVED).
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